

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY JULY 6, 2003 - 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy in Southern California, moderate in Northern California and Northern Rockies Areas, and light elsewhere with 307 new fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest and one each in the Northwest, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas. Three large fire were contained, two in Southern California and one in Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. The fire was slope driven with short range spotting in mixed conifer and brush. Active fire behavior along the Southeast corner has resulted in the fire crossing the Catalina Highway. Structures are threatened in Willow Canyon and on Organization Ridge. Six structures have been confirmed lost; structure protection is in place. Crews are conducting burnout operations from Willow Valley, along the Catalina Highway and towards Molino Canyon.

ENCEBADO, Taos Northern Pueblos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is one mile south of Taos Pueblo, NM in timber, understory and brush. Fire behavior observed was torching with sustained crown fires and spotting. Crews are establishing an anchor point and flanking the fire.

DRY LAKE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Duncan) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry Lake, Sycamore, Moonshine and Granny fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Due to lower relative humidity, increased fire behavior throughout the complex was observed in pinyon pine, juniper, ponderosa pine and grass. The Moonshine fire will be monitored by horse patrol and the Granny fire by air.

JENNY, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused fire is burning in pinyon pine, mixed conifer and oak, 45 miles northwest of Truth or Consequences, NM. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Hiatt) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, grass, gambel oak and manzanita, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. The fire is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. There was no fire spread to the north and minimal fire spread was observed on the southern portions of the Powell Plateau.

INDEPENDENCE, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The fire is burning in salt cedar, mesquite, arrowweed, and tule, ten miles south of Laughlin, NV on the California side of the river. Crews are mopping up and checking spot fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	70,000	55	UNK	814	15	54	7	332	10.8M
ENCEBADO	NM	TAA	1,500	NR	UNK	284	14	52	1	0	NR
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	51,930	0	UNK	110	6	0	4	0	1.9M
JENNY	NM	GNF	6,520	95	UNK	121	1	2	2	0	2M
POWELL	AZ	GCP	3,500	0	UNK	17	0	0	0	0	381K
INDEPENDENCE	AZ	CRA	200	NR	UNK	27	0	7	0	0	47K

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

DAVIS, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles west of La Pine, OR. Active fire behavior was observed in the interior in mixed conifer. Crews are conducting burn out operations on the north and northeast portions of the fire.

FAWN PEAK/SWEET GRASS, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This complex is composed of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass, and Farewell fires. These lightning caused fires are burning in sub-alpine fir and heavy timber, 13 miles north of Winthrop, WA. Crews are completing line construction on the Sweetgrass and the Fawn Peak fires. Very remote access and dangerous terrain have hampered suppression of the Farewell fire, which is the most active fire in the complex.

WILLOW, Umatilla National Forest. This fire is burning in timber with heavy downed fuel, 25 miles north of Pomeroy, WA. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed.

RATTLESNAKE CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, understory, and brush, 23 miles southeast of Keller, WA. Fire behavior observed was torching and spotting. The fire made a major run today doubling in size.

.INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DAVIS	OR	DEF	21,181	95	7/6	975	28	43	3	0	4M
FAWN PEAK/ SWEET GRASS	WA	OWF	1,580	5	UNK	575	24	7	8	0	1.7M
WILLOW	OR	UMF	120	50	7/12	45	2	2	0	0	NR
RATTLESNAKE CANYON	WA	COA	1,500	0	UNK	75	2	2	2	0	NR

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES

BLUE PULASKI, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service. This fire is burning in grass and timber, 24 miles north of Jordan, MT. Smoldering and creeping along the perimeter was observed. Crews are constructing fireline and cold trailing the fire.

DIXON COMPLEX, Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This complex, composed of the Magpie, Selow 1, Selow 2 Racehorse, Wilcox and Revais fires, is 28 miles southwest of Ronan, MT. Interior inlands on the Selow 2 fire had minimal fire activity; no fire activity was observed on the other fires in the complex by patrols. Crews are patrolling all the fires in the complex.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE PULASKI	MT	CMR	3,000	15	7/6	85	2	11	0	0	205K
DIXON COMPLEX	MT	FHA	540	90	7/6	403	15	13	4	0	850K
MILL CREEK	MT	FHA	730	100	---	50	2	2	0	0	10K

FHA = Flathead Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES

WOODENSHOE, Manti-LaSal National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area, 25 miles west of Blanding, UT. The fire is being managed with a confine-contain strategy. Occasional torching, short runs and spotting were observed in mixed conifer. Crews are constructing fireline and conducting burn out operations

ROCKY KNOLL, Upper Snake River District, Eastern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is burning in grass and sagebrush, 12 miles south of Grace, ID. Fire behavior observed was a wind driven grass fire. Crews are constructing direct fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WOODENSHOE	UT	MLF	2,404	30	7/8	143	4	8	2	0	150K
ROCKY KNOLL	ID	IFD	300	60	7/6	110	3	8	1	0	NR

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA

YANKEE GULCH, Western Slope Center, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in pinyon pine, juniper and sagebrush, 35 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Personnel are improving existing fireline and continuing to monitor fire growth and behavior in Black Sulfur Creek.

BEAVER, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest. This fire is in timber with understory, and litter, nine miles south-southwest of Placerville, CO. Fire behavior observed was smoldering with isolated torching. Crews are constructing fireline and cold trailing spot fires.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
YANKEE GULCH	CO	CRD	625	NR	UNK	14	0	2	1	0	20K
BEAVER	CO	GMF	120	10	7/8	37	1	2	1	0	NR

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STAGE	CA	RRU	1,500	100	---	50	4	5	0	0	NR
HUNTER	CA	MMU	562	100	---	10	0	0	0	0	810K

RRU = Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

MMU = Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Low humidity and winds north 25 mph with higher gusts over and south of the Santa Inez mounts of Santa Barbara county and the I-5 Grapevine Corridor of western Angeles National Forest for night and early morning hours.

**Fire Weather Watch:** In the afternoon and early evening over southwest Wyoming for winds, dry relative humidity, and high Haines indices.

**Weather Discussion:** Hot, dry weather to continue over most of the west as high pressure persists over the area. The cold front that moved across Montana on Saturday, will be exiting the area with generally cooler temperatures in its wake over the state. In the east, scattered showers and thundershowers are expected over most of the region. A ridge of high pressure will continue over Alaska's eastern interior for generally warm and dry weather.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Hot, dry and mostly sunny region wide. Breezy in eastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton. Isolated dry thunderstorms over the mountains of southern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton 66 to 78 mountains, 78 to 90 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip 78 to 90 higher elevations, 90 to 108 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and the northern half of Utah 8 to 26% mountains, 3 to 17% valleys. Southern half of Utah and Arizona Strip 2 to 11%	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and the northern half Utah west winds 5 to 15 mph. Western Idaho west 10 to 20 mph. Over eastern Idaho and the Bridger-Teton, southern half Utah, and the Arizona Strip southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear except for night and morning fog and low clouds along the coast and just inland into a few of the coastal valleys.	60s near the coast. Inland, mid 70s and 80s higher elevations and mostly 90s lower valley locations.	7 to 14% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 12 to 24% west of the crest.	Mostly south to northwest-west 7 to 15 mph in the afternoon with gusts 20 to 25 mph along the inland ridges and east of the Sierra/Cascade Crest.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Generally sunny except for local morning coastal cloudiness west of the Cascades.	Mostly 70s and 80s	West of Cascades... Mostly above 40% except interior southwest Oregon 25 to 40%. Eastside 12 to 25%.	Predominately west to northwest winds 5 to 15.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	80 to 100 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.	5 to 15% deserts. 5 to 15% mountains. 10 to 20% valleys.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph, except areas of north 25 mph with higher gusts over and below the Santa Inez mountains of Santa Barbara County and over the I-5 Grapevine corridor of the western Angeles Forest night and early morning hours.

<p><b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy and dry most of Arizona and west Texas. Isolated dry thunderstorms western for New Mexico and eastern Arizona. Partly cloudy with isolated wet thunderstorms higher elevations northern New Mexico and southwest Texas.</p>	<p>80s mountains, 98 to near 115 lower elevations.</p>	<p>20 to 35% west Texas. 5 to 15% elsewhere.</p>	<p>West to northwest 10 to 20 mph gusting to 25 mph western and southern Arizona. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 western Texas. 5 to 15 with local gusts to 20 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Partly cloudy. A few morning showers and thundershowers possible over eastern Montana</p>	<p>Mountains 60 to 70. Valleys 70 to 83.</p>	<p>Ridges 25 to 40%. Valleys 18 to 30%.</p>	<p>West to north winds 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Hot and mainly dry. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms with some dry lightning over Colorado.</p>	<p>Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s, with 70s to lower 80s in the mountains.</p>	<p>8 to 18% western sections, except 15 to 30% over the mountains and east.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph, except gusts to 35 mph southwest Wyoming.</p>
<p><b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny skies statewide with gusty afternoon breezes in some places.</p>	<p>Low 90s to low 100s valleys, 80s mountains, 70s and 80s in the Sierras, with a maximum of 110 in the southern deserts.</p>	<p>4 to 12% at lower elevations, 6 to 16% in upper elevations and 13 to 28% in the Sierras.</p>	<p>West or southwest winds at 10 mph with localized gusts at 20 to 30 mph.</p>



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TOPIC OF CHOICE

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	41	4	2		9	2	58
	ACRES	1,518	2	1		7	1	1,529
Northern California	FIRES	5				47	8	60
	ACRES	2				66	1	69
Southern California	FIRES	4				50	7	61
	ACRES	44				1,519	32	1,595
Northern Rockies	FIRES	41	1	0		22	14	78
	ACRES	990	2	500		14	33	1,539
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4	1		6	3	15
	ACRES	11	7	100		300	61	479
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		6			0		6
Southwest	FIRES	1				2	5	8
	ACRES	0				2	10,002	10,004
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			6	3	10
	ACRES		0			5	150	155
Eastern Area	FIRES						10	10
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	93	13	3	0	146	52	307
	ACRES	2,565	17	601	0	1,914	10,291	15,388

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	14	16	10	319	7	368
	ACRES	20	1,418	63,144	3,517	206,199	0	274,298
Northwest	FIRES	96	52	6	12	422	166	754
	ACRES	4,435	220	1,002	11	2,822	21,348	29,838
Northern California	FIRES	57	7	1	5	793	163	1,026
	ACRES	26	0	1	6,510	10,991	622	18,150
Southern California	FIRES	39	30	5	4	984	216	1,278
	ACRES	802	1,811	355	2	10,210	778	13,958
Northern Rockies	FIRES	565	16	20	2	225	141	969
	ACRES	4,612	43	4,051	0	16,432	1,508	26,646
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	15	204	1	5	177	189	591
	ACRES	15,271	32,204	100	0	3,657	2,459	53,691
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	144	1	2	27	26	203
	ACRES	0	1,607	0	0	508	614	2,729
Southwest	FIRES	407	95	14	9	559	899	1,983
	ACRES	2,620	3,460	1,298	3,391	12,135	116,412	139,316
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	54	270	23	17	446	137	947
	ACRES	387	149	1,659	202	3,384	755	6,536
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	16	8,198	406	9,591
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	107,375	5,509	172,645
Southern Area	FIRES	106		16	11	10,355	311	10,799
	ACRES	20,518		3,720	756	151,546	8,769	185,309
TOTAL	FIRES	2,249	832	169	93	22,505	2,661	28,509
	ACRES	100,877	40,912	82,220	15,074	525,259	158,774	923,116

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>44,295</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,565,141</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	90	146	3		217	484
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	123		28,180	49,225
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	102	16		127	258
	ACRES	31	273	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,410
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	2,962		13,641	17,251
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	4	23	314	432
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	15,011	31,020
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	84	9	10	73	216
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,654	9,542	132	5,683	31,065
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	443	194	986
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,627
Southern Area	FIRES	53		259	65	11,457	1,143	12,977
	ACRES	19,379		91,600	81,990	715,304	881,098	1,789,371
TOTAL	FIRES	157	178	994	124	11,951	2,408	15,812
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	230,677	104,590	798,133	1,029,591	2,249,436

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				750		82,773	83,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		1	18
	ACRES		672		0		1	673
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	15	0	8	0	18	41
	ACRES	0	672	0	1,581	0	82,775	85,028

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	535	4,051
Yukon Territory	0	0	49	3,850
Alberta	0	4	501	2,459
Northwest Territory	0	0	55	8,356
Saskatchewan	1	17	255	38,851
Manitoba	5	6,005	679	209,783
Ontario	3	2,085	626	296,551
Quebec	1	50	487	50,207
Newfoundland	1	0	101	1,148
New Brunswick	0	0	149	177
Nova Scotia	1	0	202	1,267
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	22	364
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>617,065</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	1	3								
Northwest	22	44	17	55	3	11			209	226
Northern California	4		6		1					
Southern California	7	30	25	73	10	2				65
Northern Rockies	29	2	28	25	5	10	2		66	16
Eastern Great Basin	12	4	38	10	9	3			122	19
Western Great Basin	6				2	1				
Southwest	39		47	73	8	5			306	158
Rocky Mountain	3	1	9			2			12	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>485</b>

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